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Title: FINE-ADJUSTEMENT MECHANISM TO PRESET A MITER SAW
FOR PRECISION MITER CUTS

Inventor(s): Romo et al.


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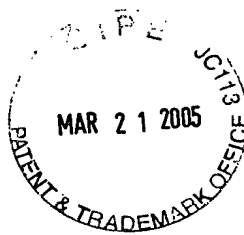
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is response to a Restriction Requirement in the subject application.

☐ Applicants claim small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

☒ Petition For Extension Of Time

☐ Applicants petition for a extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee for which is \$ (enclosed).

☒ Applicants believe that no petition for an extension of time is necessary. However, to the extent that such petition is deemed necessary, Applicants hereby petition for a sufficient extension of time to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 07-0181 for the appropriate petition fee.

☒ No additional claim fee is required.

☐ Other:

The claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

					SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDIT CLAIM FEE	RATE	ADDIT CLAIM FEE
TOTAL	29	MINUS	29	=0	x \$25=	\$	x \$50=	\$0.00
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- ☒ Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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Art Unit: 3724

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

The present submission is in response to the Office Action dated February 17, 2005. The Office Action sets forth a restriction and requires the election of one of two species. Particularly, the Examiner stated that Species I is shown in FIGS. 1-8, and Species II is shown in FIGS. 9-20.

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Species II (FIGS. 9-20). The following claims read upon the elected species: 1, 2, 4, 6-9, 11-21, 23-27, and 29.

M.P.E.P. § 804 (f) requires that claims to be restricted to different species must be mutually exclusive. M.P.E.P. § 804 (h) further requires that species subject to a restriction must be patentably distinct from each another. The Patent Office has made no effort to establish that claims are mutually exclusive or that the species are patentably distinct, yet the Office Action imposes a burden on Applicants to establish that the species are not.

Applicants traverse the restriction on the basis that the Patent Office has failed to establish that an examination of all pending claims would be seriously burdensome for the Examiner. There are two criteria for a proper requirement for restriction between patentably distinct inventions: (i) the inventions must be independent or distinct as claimed, and (ii) there must be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required. M.P.E.P. § 803. Consequently, as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 803: **"If the search and examination of an entire**

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application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

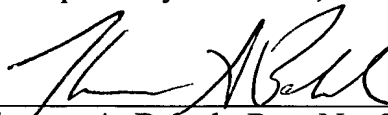
In the case at hand, the Patent Office has failed to meet the criteria for a proper restriction requirement by not even so much as asserting that there would be a serious burden on the Examiner if the election of species were not required. For example, the Patent Office has failed to demonstrate or even allege that an examination of claims of the two species would require searches under different classifications. Without even the slightest attempt by the Office to satisfy the first criterion for a proper restriction requirement, it can not be said that a search directed to all or some combination of the groups of claims would amount to an undue burden in satisfaction of the second criterion for a proper restriction requirement.

Furthermore, the Office Action cites 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 as the authority for the restriction. Applicants respectfully submit that the cited regulation does not appear to pertain to restriction practice.

Therefore, in the instant case, the requirements for restriction and election of species are not proper. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the requirements and examination of all the pending claims.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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